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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

Mohamed Bahriz DHS File No. A77 203 614 )  
 Plaintiff, )  
 vs. )  
 Paul Pierre, District Director, )  
 U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, )  
 Michael Chertoff, U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security )  
 Homeland Security, )  
 and )  
 Michael Mukasey, U.S. Attorney General, )  
 Defendants. )

Civil No:

'08 CV 0342 JM NLS

**COMPLAINT FOR RELIEF IN THE  
 NATURE OF MANDAMUS**

Plaintiff, by his attorney, complaining of Defendants alleges as follows:

1. Plaintiff Mohammed Bahriz is a native and citizen of Algeria, and has been a lawful permanent resident of the United States since May 23, 2001. Plaintiff resides within the jurisdiction of this Court.

2. The Defendant Paul Pierre is the Director of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS), a subsidiary agency of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in San Diego, California. This Defendant is sued herein in his official capacity. He is responsible for the processing of applications for naturalization for applicants who reside within San Diego County, State of California, under 8 USC 1421, et. seq., and 8 CFR 310, et. seq.

3. Michael Mukasey is the U.S. Attorney General, an agency of the United States Government, in Washington, D.C. This Defendant is sued herein in his official capacity. He is responsible for the processing of security clearance checks conducted by the Federal Bureau of

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1 Investigation (FBI), which the CIS maintains must be completed before it can approve any  
2 application for naturalization, under 8 USC 1421, et. seq., and 8 CFR 310, et. seq.

3 4. Michael Chertoff is the Secretary of Homeland Security, an agency of the U.S.  
4 Government, in Washington, D.C. This Defendant is sued herein in his official capacity. He is  
5 responsible for overseeing the operations of the CIS, pursuant to 8 USC 1421, et. seq., and 8 CFR  
6 310, et. seq.

7 5. The Court has jurisdiction of this action pursuant to 28 USC 1331, 28 USC 1361, 28  
8 USC 1651, 5 USC 701, et. seq., and 28 USC 2201, et. seq.

9 6. On March 20, 2006, Mr. Bahriz filed with the CIS California Service Center an  
10 application for naturalization. The CIS assigned to him application no. WSC\*001474760 to his  
11 naturalization case.

12 7. On April 25, 2006, Mr. Bahriz provided his biometric fingerprints to the CIS at a  
13 scheduled appointment. Counsel believes that the FBI fingerprint results show that the Plaintiff has  
14 never been arrested or convicted of any crime anywhere in the world.

15 8. On September 20, 2006, the CIS scheduled Plaintiff for a November 7, 2006,  
16 naturalization examination at the San Diego Federal Building. However, on October 20, 2006, the  
17 government canceled the scheduled examination "due to unforeseen circumstances." The notice  
18 did not explain what was meant by the term, "unforeseen circumstances."

19 9. On December 4, 2006, counsel entered his appearance as attorney of record with the  
20 CIS on behalf of Plaintiff. On that day, counsel wrote to the CIS to inquire as to the status of  
21 Plaintiff's naturalization application. On December 5, 2006, the CIS responded to the inquiry by  
22 advising that security checks for Plaintiff were still pending, and that the CIS could take no  
23 further action until such checks cleared. The CIS claimed that further processing of Plaintiff's  
24 naturalization application was beyond its control.

1           10.     More than 23 months after Plaintiff filed his naturalization application, the  
2 government has failed to conduct an examination on such application. The government refuses to  
3 schedule the examination until the FBI completes its security clearance name checks.

4           11.     Defendant Pierre has been unable or unwilling to schedule Plaintiff's referenced  
5 naturalization examination. Further, his office has failed to meaningfully disclose (1) whether the  
6 name checks have been completed; (2) the reason or reasons why such name checks have not yet  
7 been completed; (3) when such name checks will be completed; or (4) the results of the name  
8 checks, if they have been completed. Further, the Defendants are taking no action on Plaintiff's  
9 application even though similar cases have been completed far more expeditiously.

11           12.     Plaintiff has exhausted all available administrative remedies.

12           13.     The Defendants' refusal to act in this case is, as a matter of law, arbitrary, and not in  
13 accordance with the law.

14           14.     Plaintiff has been greatly damaged by the failure of the each Defendant to act in  
15 accord with his respective duties under the law.

17           15.     The Defendants, in violation of the Administrative Procedures Act, 5 USC 701, et  
18 seq., have unlawfully withheld or unreasonably delayed action with Plaintiff's application and have  
19 failed to carry out the adjudicative and administrative functions delegated to them by law and  
20 regulation with regard to Plaintiff's case.

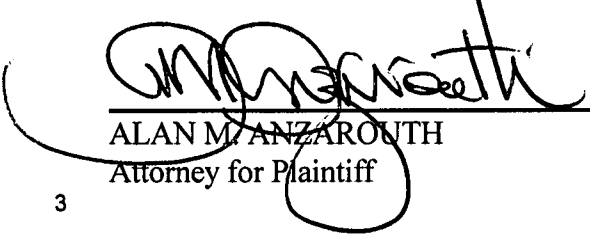
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22           WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays that this Honorable Court:

23           A.     Order the Defendants to have their agents process this case to a conclusion;

24           B.     Order that the Defendants pay reasonable attorney fees; and

25           C.     Order other and further relief as it may deem proper under the circumstances.

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27 DATED:     February 21, 2008

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ALAN M. ANZAROUTH  
Attorney for Plaintiff

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## I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

Mohamed Bahriz

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff San Diego  
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorney's (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

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## DEFENDANTS

Paul Pierre, Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services,  
Michael Chertoff, U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security, and

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

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LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known) **08 CV 0342 JM-NLS**  
U.S. Attorney, 940 Front Street, San Diego, CA 92101

## II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff  
☒ 2 U.S. Government Defendant  
☐ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)  
☐ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

## III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

- (For Diversity Cases Only)
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| Citizen of This State                   | PTF <input type="checkbox"/> 1 DEF <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State     | PTF <input type="checkbox"/> 4 DEF <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| Citizen of Another State                | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 2         | Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 5         |
| Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 3         | Foreign Nation  | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 6         |

## IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excl. Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise	<b>PERSONAL INJURY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury <b>PERSONAL INJURY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury - Med. Malpractice <input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability <b>PERSONAL PROPERTY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending <input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 610 Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> 620 Other Food & Drug <input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 <input type="checkbox"/> 630 Liquor Laws <input type="checkbox"/> 640 R.R. & Truck <input type="checkbox"/> 650 Airline Regs. <input type="checkbox"/> 660 Occupational Safety/Health <input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other <b>LABOR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act <input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations <input type="checkbox"/> 730 Labor/Mgmt. Reporting & Disclosure Act <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Empl. Ret. Inc. Security Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 <b>PROPERTY RIGHTS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark <b>SOCIAL SECURITY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff) <input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923) <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g)) <b>FEDERAL TAX SUITS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609	<input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit <input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV <input type="checkbox"/> 810 Selective Service <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 875 Customer Challenge 12 USC 3410 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts <input type="checkbox"/> 892 Economic Stabilization Act <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 894 Energy Allocation Act <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act <input type="checkbox"/> 900 Appeal of Fee Determination Under Equal Access to Justice <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes
<b>REAL PROPERTY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation <input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment <input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land <input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property	<b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting <input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/Accommodations <input type="checkbox"/> 444 Welfare <input type="checkbox"/> 445 Amer. w/Disabilities - Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 446 Amer. w/Disabilities - Other <input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights	<b>PRISONER PETITIONS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence <b>Habeas Corpus:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 530 General <input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty <input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus & Other <input type="checkbox"/> 550 Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 555 Prison Condition		

## V. ORIGIN

(Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☒ 1 Original Proceeding  
☐ 2 Removed from State Court  
☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court  
☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened  
☐ 5 Transferred from another district (specify)  
☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation  
☐ 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment

## VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing. (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):  
 8 USC Sections 1421, 1443, 1446, 1446, et. seq.; 28 USC Sections 1331, 1361, 1651, 2201, et. seq.; 5 USC 701

Brief description of cause:  
 CIS has failed to schedule Plaintiff's naturalization examination 23 months after application filing.

## VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23

## DEMAND \$

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND: ☐ Yes ☒ No

## VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

(See instructions):

JUDGE

DOCKET NUMBER

DATE

02/21/2008

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

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RECEIPT #

14747

AMOUNT

\$300

APPLYING IFP

JUDGE

MAG. JUDGE

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**UNITED STATES  
DISTRICT COURT**  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN DIEGO DIVISION

**# 147947 - SH**

**February 21, 2008  
16:30:59**

**Civ Fil Non-Pris**

USAO #: 08CV0342

Judge.: JEFFREY T MILLER

Amount.: \$350.00 CA

**Total-> \$350.00**

**FROM: BAHRIZ V. PIERRE**